

CLIA Related Acronyms & Terms

ACRONYMS

AACC	American Association for Clinical Chemistry
ACMG	American College of Medical Genetics
AdvaMed	Advanced Medical Technology Association (trade organization)
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (DHHS)
AMP	Association for Molecular Pathology
AMT	American Medical Technologists
AOA	American Osteopathic Association
APHL	Association of Public Health Laboratories
API	Association for Pathology Informatics
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
ASC	American Society of Cytopathology
ASCCP	American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology
ASCLS	American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
ASCP	American Society for Clinical Pathology
ASCT	American Society of Cytotechnology
ASM	American Society for Microbiology
ASR	Analyte Specific Reagent
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC)
BGT	Biochemical Genetic Testing
CBER	Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (FDA)
CCCLW	Coordinating Council on the Clinical Laboratory Workforce (Professional organization and manufacturer collaborative)
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (DHHS)
CDRH	Center for Devices and Radiological Health (FDA)
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988
CLIAC	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee
CLIHCTM	Clinical Laboratory Integration into Healthcare Collaborative™ (CDC Initiative)
CLMA	Clinical Laboratory Management Association
CLSI	Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (DHHS)
CoA	Certificate of Accreditation
CoC	Certificate of Compliance
CoR	Certificate of Registration
CoW	Certificate of Waiver
DFO	Designated Federal Official (oversees federal advisory committee, such as CLIAC)
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (also sometimes “HHS”)
DLS	Division of Laboratory Services (CMS)
EHR	Electronic Health Record
ELR	Electronic Laboratory Reporting (Computer interface for transmitting reportable conditions from EHR to public health)
FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act
FDA	Food and Drug Administration (DHHS)
FRN	Federal Register Notice
Get-RM	Genetic Testing Reference Material Program (CDC)
GTR	Genetic Test Registry (NIH)
HIT	Health Information Technology
HITECH	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HL7	Health Level Seven
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration (DHHS)
IOM	Institute of Medicine
ISO	International Organization for Standardization

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IT	Information Technology
IVD	<i>In Vitro</i> Diagnostics
IVDMIA	<i>In Vitro</i> Diagnostics Multivariate Index Assays
LDT	Laboratory Developed Test
LMBP	Laboratory Medicine Best Practices (CDC Initiative)
LOINC®	Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes®
LRN	Laboratory Response Network (CDC & APHL Collaborative)
MGT	Molecular Genetic Testing
MMWR	Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (CDC)
NAACLS	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences
NGS	Next Generation Sequencing
NIH	National Institutes of Health (DHHS)
NLTN	National Laboratory Training Network (APHL & CDC Initiative)
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rule Making (now shortened to “PR” for “Proposed Rule”)
OIVD	Office of In Vitro Devices Evaluation and Safety (FDA)
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (DHHS)
OSCAR	Online Survey, Certification and Reporting (CMS Database)
PHL	Public Health Laboratory
PPMP	Provider Performed Microscopy Procedures
PT	Proficiency Testing
SNOMED-CT®	Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine – Clinical Terms®
QMS	Quality Management System
WT	Waived Testing

CMS DEEMED LABORATORY ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS

AABB	AABB (<i>formerly: American Association of Blood Banks</i>)
AOA	American Osteopathic Association
ASHI	American Society for Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics
CAP	College of American Pathologists
COLA	COLA (<i>formerly: Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation</i>)
---	The Joint Commission

CMS APPROVED PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAMS

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AAFP-PT	American Academy of Family Physicians - Proficiency Testing Program
AAB	American Association of Bioanalysts
API	American Proficiency Institute
ASCP	American Society for Clinical Pathology (cytology only)
CTS	California Thoracic Society
CAP	College of American Pathologists – Surveys (includes cytology)
EXCEL	External Comparative Evaluation for Laboratories (CAP)
MLE	Medical Laboratory Evaluation Program
---	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
---	Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (cytology only)
---	New York State Department of Health (includes non-gynecological cytology)
---	Puerto Rico Proficiency Testing Service
WSLH	Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene